



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph. D.
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Linda Jeanelle Lindsay OR None ☐
 b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☒ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 02/18/2019 Return: 02/24/2019
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None ☒
4. Departure City: Charlotte, NC Destination: Berlin, Germany & Dre Return City: Washington, DC (IAI
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Robert Bosch Stiftung
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
 * See Attached
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:
 - a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.
Signify statement is true by checking the box: ☒
 b. If not, explain: _____

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 U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: _____

Date: 03/11/2019



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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: The German Marshall Fund of the United States and The Robert Bosch Stiftung

2. Travel Destination(s): Berlin, Germany and Dresden, Germany

3. Date of Departure: Monday, February 18, 2019 Date of Return: Sunday, February 24, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congresswoman Alma Adams

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$9519.33	\$1047	\$597	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	\$9133.43	N/A	\$597	N/A

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box: ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Karen P. Donfried Sandra Breka Date: 2/25/2019

Name: Dr. Karen Donfried/Sandra Breka Title: President/Member of the Board of Management

Organization: The German Marshall Fund of the United States/Robert Bosch Stiftung

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box: ☒

Address: 1744 R St NW, Washington D.C. 20009/Französische Straße 32, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Telephone: +1 202 683 2605/+49 30 220025-311 Email: kdonfried@gmfus.org/sandra.breka@bosch-stiftung.de

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Robert Bosch Stiftung
3. Travel Destination(s): Berlin Germany & Dresden, Germany
4. a. Date of Departure: 02/18/2019 Date of Return: 02/24/2019
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes:
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Linda Jeanelle Lindsay
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☒ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, it is crucial that I learn more about transatlantic relations and international affairs.

9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?** ☐ Yes ☒ No
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Alma Adams

Date 01/18/2019

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Robert Bosch Stiftung
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☐If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see addendum
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of departure: February 18, 2019 Date of return: February 24, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Charlotte, NC
b. Destination(s): Berlin, Germany & Dresden, Germany
c. City of return: Charlotte, NC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*): ☒
11. Check one:
- I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ or
 - N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
- GMF seeks to promote cooperation between the United States and Europe on transatlantic and global issues. Robert Bosch Stiftung is a German foundation that supports projects in many
- important fields, including international relations. This forum brings together US and German lawmakers for policy discussions. GMF and Bosch are responsible for all aspects of the trip,
- including recruitment of participants and creation of the agenda.
13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.
- Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
 - Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
 - If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
- _____
- _____
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or
 - The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
- If "b" is checked:
- Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
Approximately \$111 per day in Berlin, \$125 per day in Dresden
 - Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
The Congress Bundestag Forum alternates each year between a city in the United States and Germany. Berlin is the seat of German government, and Dresden was selected due to its superior conference facilities & proximity to Berlin.
- _____
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel name: The Regent Hotel City: Berlin, Germany Cost per night: \$211
- Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to meeting sites in Berlin
- Hotel name: Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski City: Dresden, Germany Cost per night: \$198
- Reason(s) for selecting: Superior conference facilities
- Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
- Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$9000	\$1016	\$597
For each accompanying relative	\$9000	N/A	\$597

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	N/A	N/A
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Name: Karen Donfried

Sandra Breka

Title: President

Member, Board of Management

Organization: German Marshall Fund

Robert Bosch Stiftung

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If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

Please contact Reta Jo Lewis, Esq.
Director of Congressional Affairs at
GMF, with any questions at
congressionalaffairs@gmfus.org or
202-683-2638.



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U.S. House of Representatives
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

February 13, 2019

The Honorable Alma Adams
U.S. House of Representatives
2436 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your child's proposed trip to Germany,¹ scheduled for February 18 to 24, 2019, sponsored by German Marshall Fund of the United States and Robert Bosch Stiftung.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ We note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued a travel warning concerning travel to Germany. Germany Travel Advisory, Travel.State.Gov (June 19, 2018), <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/germany-travel-advisory.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore E. Deutch".

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenny Marchant".

Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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House Ethics Addendum
Congress Bundestag Forum 2019

The following Members of Congress were invited to participate due to their interest in transatlantic relations and international affairs:

- Congressman Doug Lamborn
- Congressman Scott Tipton
- Congressman Anthony Brown
- Congressman David McKinley
- Congressman John Rutherford
- Congressman James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
- Congressman Sean Maloney
- Congresswoman Alma Adams
- Congressman Jim Costa

AGENDA

Congress-Bundestag Forum
Berlin & Dresden, Germany
February 19 – 24, 2019

For Internal Use Only

Not Intended for Distribution Those arriving after 2/19 will be coming from another CODEL

Monday, February 18

12:00 – 21:00 **Members of Congress Depart the U.S. on Individual Itineraries**

**Members of Congress leave on Monday, February 18th in order to arrive in Berlin on the first day of the Forum, Tuesday, February 19th.*

Accommodation: Regent Hotel, Charlottenstr. 49, 10117 Berlin

Tel. +49 30 20338

Tuesday, February 19

07:30 – 12:30 **Members of Congress Arrive in Berlin on Individual Itineraries**

13:30 Meet in hotel lobby for historical tour

13:30 – 15:00 **Historical Overview of Berlin: 30 Years after the Fall of the Wall**

The tour will discuss the historical developments in Berlin in 1989 and the changes the city and Germany went through with the fall of the Berlin Wall. The tour will also explore what the 30th anniversary means for the country.

15:00 – 15:30 Transfer to U.S. Embassy

15:30 – 17:00 **Briefing at the Embassy of the United States to Germany with U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Robin Quinville**

Participants will attend a briefing at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin for an update on U.S.-Germany relations, effective engagement with transatlantic partners, and the importance of maintaining these relationships.

Location: Embassy of the United States of America, Pariser Platz 2, Berlin

17:00 - 17:30 Transfer to Robert Bosch Stiftung

17:30 – 18:30 **Discussion: Government and Media in Germany**

With the rise of disinformation both targeted and arbitrary, the legitimacy of traditional media outlets in their news reporting have come under serious scrutiny from the left and right. Lines between government and media are blurred, and with new information sources, many have come to question whether they can trust what is being reported.

Location: Robert Bosch Stiftung, Französische Str. 32, Berlin

18:45 – 20:15 Opening Dinner with Sandra Breka, Member of the Board of Management, Robert Bosch Stiftung, and Dr. Karen Donfried, President, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, and Ambassador David Donoghue

Participants will join Members of the German Bundestag in a welcome dinner to discuss multilateralism and its role in EU's identity.

Location: Robert Bosch Stiftung, Französische Str. 32, Berlin

Wednesday, February 20

06:30 – 08:45 Breakfast served for all hotel guests in the Regent Hotel Restaurant

08:45 – 09:30 Transfer

09:30 – 10:30 Ministerial Visit

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with a Minister of the Cabinet of Germany to discuss issues relevant to the Ministerial office represented.

Location: TBD

10:30 – 11:15 Transfer

11:15 – 12:15 Ministerial Visit

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with a Minister of the Cabinet of Germany to discuss issues relevant to the Ministerial office represented.

Location: TBD

12:15 – 12:45 Transfer to Lunch

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch Discussion: Economic Report on Germany and Europe

The consequences of the 2008 financial crisis still affect both sides of the Atlantic, and as a result, new questions arise. From tax cuts to investments to the taxation of new industries, the U.S.' new economic agenda and the challenges posed to Europe by Brexit leave for much to be discussed on economic affairs.

Location: Il Punto (TBD), Naustädtische Kirchstr. 6, Berlin

14:15 – 14:45 Transfer

14:45 – 16:15 The New Berlin: Start-ups and the Creative Economy Culture in a United City

After exploring old Berlin and examining the consequences of the Berlin Wall, participants will now see aspects of the new Berlin thirty years later – a modern, united, cosmopolitan city where innovative ideas are thriving. Berlin's start-up scene in particular is a good measure of how far the city has come since the Cold War, and how it has turned into the capital city of modernity for Germany.

Location: TBD

16:15 – 16:45 Transfer to Hotel

16:45 – 17:45 Personal Work Period

17:45 – 18:15 Transfer to Dinner

18:30 – 20:15 Dinner Session: The Future of Conservatism in Germany

With the formation of the Great Coalition in 2005, the Christian Democratic Party (CDU) in Germany has moved to the center with its policy choices. As a result, many conservative voters look to the center-right to find new political guidance. With recent developments within the CDU, including Chancellor Merkel's resignation as head of party, many it will mean to be conservative in Germany in 2019.

Location: Brasserie am Gendarmenmarkt, Taubenstr. 30, Berlin

20:15 – 20:45 Transfer to Hotel

Thursday, February 21

06:30 – 08:30 Breakfast served for all hotel guests in the Regent Hotel Restaurant

08:30- 09:00 Transfer to Stasi Records

09:00 – 10:30 Stasi Records Archive: Information Sharing, Privacy, and Data Protection in the 21st Century

Participants will visit the Stasi Records Agency, the federal agency of Germany that preserves and protects the archives and investigates the past actions of the former Stasi. Tying current conversations of information sharing, privacy, and data protection to the historical realities of the Stasi and its surveillance operations will provide the opportunity for participants to discuss the past, present, and future of data privacy.

Location: Stasi Records Archive, Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 31/33, Berlin

10:30 – 13:00 Transfer to Dresden by Bus

13:00 – 13:30 Check-in to Hotel, Taschenbergpalais Kempinski, Taschenberg 3, Dresden

13:30 – 15:30 Dresden City tour: Discussion on Erinnerungskultur (Culture of Remembrance)

Participants will take a tour of Dresden led by Christoph Kreutzmüller, Curator of the Jewish Museum in Berlin. The tour guide will discuss Dresden during WWII and how the city rebuilt after.

Location: Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Conference Center

15:30 – 16:30 Personal Work Period

16:30 – 18:00 Discussion: The Future of the European Union

These are extraordinary times for Europe. With existential pressures both external and internal, what is the future EU going to look like? With political realities subject to change in the very near future, it is difficult to predict how one of the greatest political projects in history will transform under these conditions. What are the most pressing issues in the immediate future?

Location: Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Conference Center

18:00 – 18:30 Transfer to Dinner

18:30 – 20:00 Dinner Discussion: Challenges to Democracy in Shifting Societies

In recent years, the foundation of western societies has been shifting: partisan lines have been drawn sharper, political discourse has acquired a different tone. Gaps between societal fractions are increasing and Western democratic values may be facing a serious challenge. What exactly lies at the root of these challenges?

Location: Lila Sosse, Alaunstr. 70, Dresden

Friday, February 22

From 06:30 Breakfast served for all hotel guests in the Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Hotel Restaurant

09:00 – 09:30 Transfer to IHK Dresden

09:30 - 11:30 The Future of Workforce Development and Local Business

The apprentice and dual studies systems are unique to Germany's education system and workforce development. Moreover, Germany has a successful track record of supporting middle-class businesses and helping them thrive. What lessons can other countries draw from this system? How can the U.S. diversify an education system that primarily relies on universities? Participants will also have the opportunity to have a casual Q&A with current apprentices.

Location: IHK Dresden, Langer Weg 4, Dresden

11:30 – 12:15 Transfer to Military History Museum

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch at Military History Museum

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with current soldiers in training and representatives of the Museum to learn about Dresden's complex military history.

13:30 – 14:30 Tour and Discussion: Military Technology in the Modern Age

Military technology – a vast, ever-changing field where innovation is often key. From the first machine-gun to the first rocket, technological innovators have tried

for centuries to advance the way armed forces use technology. In what ways has technology impacted military capabilities, and what does this mean for future forces?

Location: Military History Museum, Olbrichtpl. 2, Dresden

14:30 – 15:30 Transfer

15:30 – 16:30 Discussion: German State Politics and Regional Integration

Participants will engage with the Former Minister-President of Saxony Stanislaw Tillich to discuss in-depth the workings of state-level politics within Germany and how it affects regional integration across the country.

Location: TBD

16:30 – 17:00 Transfer to Hotel

17:00 – 18:00 Personal Work Period (for U.S. Members)

17:00 – 18:00 Arrival Members of the Bundestag (MdB) and Transfer to the Hotel

17:30 – 18:00 Check-in MdBs Taschenbergpalais Kempinski, Taschenberg 3, Dresden

18:00 – 19:00 Opening Exchange for Members of Congress and Members of the Bundestag

Location: Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski

19:00 – 21:00 Opening Dinner Discussion: State of Transatlantic Relations

Participants will hear an update from Dr. Kori Schake, Deputy Director General at IISS on the current state of transatlantic relations. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in robust discussions with the speaker and members of the German Bundestag.

Location: Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Chapel

Saturday, February 23

From 06:30 Breakfast served for all hotel guests in the Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Hotel Restaurant

08:30 – 11:00 Facilitated Session over Breakfast: Trade in a Globalized World

Strengthening domestic industries and keeping international competitors at bay: the main purposes of imposing trade tariffs. How do recently imposed trade tariffs affect international relations and the global trading system? What potential consequences do they have for both sides of the Atlantic?

Location: Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Conference Center

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45 The Rise of Artificial Intelligence: Ethical Implications

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a game-changer for governments, big business, and everyday users. However, this new technology does not go unchallenged. The rise of AI has caused many to question how we approach scientific discovery and whether some technological advances cause more harm than good.

Location: Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Conference Center

12:45 – 13:00 Break

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Session: Energy Security and Renewable Resources

More than half of our energy comes from fossil fuels extracted from deep within the Earth's crust. However, these sources are limited, and the burning of coal, oil, and gas have been linked to the rising levels of greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere. How do policymakers balance future climate security with current growth?

Location: Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Conference Center

14:30 – 16:30 Facilitated Session: The East and the West: How to Respond to New and Old Power Players

The rise of China, Russian interference, fragmentation, supranational forces – the 21st century has put many new global players on the agenda. The rise of China as an international political and economic heavyweight has shifted the discussion on alliances and foreign political foci, while Russia's interference has raised questions on how to address their geopolitical ambitions.

Location: Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Conference Center

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 Facilitated Summary: MdBs and MoCs Only

Participants will have the opportunity to further discuss issues and themes brought up throughout the day with a facilitator. This time will allow for U.S. and German members to brainstorm ways to move forward in maintaining transatlantic relationships.

Location: Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Conference Center

17:30 – 18:30 Personal Work Period

18:30 – 19:00 Transfer to Dinner

19:00 – 21:30 Closing Dinner: The Way Forward for Transatlantic Relations

Participants will have an opportunity to talk in depth with their

foreign counterparts about the themes raised throughout the program.

Location: Schloss Albrechtsberg, Dresden

Sunday, February 24

09:00 – 10:30 Breakfast

Location: Taschenbergpalais Kempinski

10:30 – 11:00 Personal Time, Packing, and Check-out

11:00 – 12:00 Transfer to Dresden Airport/Dresden Train Station

From 14:00 Departure Members of Congress and Bundestag Members on Individual Itineraries